

FY25 MISSING AND UNIDENTIFIED HUMAN REMAINS PROGRAM

IMPORTANT DEADLINES



GRANTS.GOV:
OCTOBER 10, 2025

JUSTGRANTS:
OCTOBER 17, 2025

Why Apply:

Receive funding to improve the reporting, transportation, forensic processing, and identification of missing persons and unidentified human remains cases, including those involving migrants—utilizing various forensic disciplines such as anthropology, odontology, and DNA.

Who may apply:

City or township, county, or state governments; accredited, publicly funded Combined DNA Index System (CODIS) forensic laboratories, medical examiner offices, accredited, publicly funded toxicology laboratories, or crime laboratories; publicly funded university forensic anthropology laboratories; nonprofit organizations that have working collaborative agreements with state and county forensic offices, including medical examiners, coroners, and justices of the peace, for entry of data into CODIS or the National Missing and Unidentified Persons System (NamUs); a state university anthropology department with a forensic tract with laboratories; public and state-controlled institutions of higher education; nonprofits that have/do not have 501(c)(3) status with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), other than institutions of higher education.

Maximum per award:

- Up to \$1,000,000 per award for statewide agencies.
- Up to \$500,000 per award for counties and/or units of local government.
- Up to \$1,000,000 for one applicant to provide services to small, rural, and/or tribal entities on a national scale.

BJA encourages the following entities to apply:

- Agencies that have not previously received BJA funding.
- Convening or governing bodies that can apply on behalf of one or more entities.
- Agencies with collaborative partnerships across medicolegal field (i.e., medical examiner/coroners, law enforcement).

Examples of strategies/ activities that can be funded:

- Establish partnerships across the medicolegal, law enforcement, forensic science, prosecutorial and advocacy communities.
- Report into NamUs, the National Crime Information Center, and the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program.
- Identify the scope and backlog of MP and UHR cases
- Develop a plan to prioritize cases that may be associated with a threat to public safety.
- Implement comprehensive plans building jurisdictional capacity to investigate, perform forensic processing and identify and resolve MP and UHR cases.
- Return human remains to relatives.

Where to get more information about this opportunity:

Visit bja.ojp.gov/program/muhr/overview for more information about the program and bja.ojp.gov/funding/opportunities/o-bja-2025-172470 for full funding information.



Tips for Success:

- **Start early!** To apply, you must first have a valid registration in the System for Award Management (SAM). **Registration and renewal can take up to 10 business days** to complete. Register at: sam.gov/content/home.
- For **questions** about the program's requirements or the application process, see the full Notice of Funding Opportunity at www.ojp.gov/funding/docs/bja-2025-172470.pdf.
- Visit the **BJA Funding Webinars** page at bja.ojp.gov/events/funding-webinars for applicant and grantee trainings.
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How to apply and when:

Submit a two-step application.

1. Register in [Grants.gov](https://grants.gov) and follow the prompts to submit the SF-424 form by October 10, 2025.
2. Then complete the full application in JustGrants.usdoj.gov by October 17, 2025. The application's major elements are:
 - a. The **proposal abstract** that summarizes the problem you wish to address with your project (no more than 400 words).
 - b. The **proposal narrative** that describes your project's strategies, activities, and major deliverables as well as your capacity to address the problem.
 - c. The **web-based budget** form that details how you will allocate the grant funds by task, date, and responsible person.

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